MINUTES

OF THE

English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Church of the Holy Communion,

RACINE, WISCONSIN.

JUNE 27 to JULY 2, A. D. 1905.

With the Proceedings of the Sunday-School Convention.

1905.
PRESS OF FRANK SHOOP,
St. Paul, Minn.

Holy Communion Church, Racine, Wis.

This congregation, which so royally entertained the synod this year, is the result of the patient efforts of Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., of Milwaukee, who, with the assistance of student C. K. Lippard, organized this congregation September 4, 1898, with thirty-four members. In June, 1900, Rev. G. F. Gehr became the pastor and, under his ministration, the congregation had a remarkable growth. January 20, 1900, the lot, corner Washington Avenue and Tenth Street, was secured for the sum of $2,500. On October 27, 1901, the corner-stone of this beautiful church was laid and the building dedicated April 27, 1902. It is 42x83, and cost $10,000. Rev. Wm. Eckert is its present efficient pastor.

MINUTES.

Opening Service.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest was held in The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wisconsin, beginning Tuesday, June 27, 1905, at 8 P. M. The service of Confession and Absolution was conducted by Rev. H. K. Gebhart. This was followed by the Chief Service with the Lord's Supper. The secretary officiated in the altar service. The synodical sermon was preached by the president, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, from Ex. 14: 15, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

The president appointed Rev. C. L. Warstler and Rev. W. P. Christy, Committee on Credentials.

First Session.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1905, 9:00 A. M.

Matins were conducted by Rev. J. J. Clemens.

Synod was then opened by the president, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, by the use of the Order for Opening of Synods.

The roll of pastors was called. The Credential Committee at this and later sessions reported approved credentials received from twenty lay delegates.

Eight ministers were received at subsequent sessions, making the roll of synod as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Ministers.	Ordained	Entered Synod	Lay Delegates.	Parishes.
1. G. H. Trabert, D D.	1870	1898	C. A. Smith	Salem Church. Minneapolis, Minn.
2. W. K. Frick, D. D.	1873	1891	L G. J. Mack Henry Miller Alt	Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.
3. S. W. Kuhns	1875	1895		No Charge.
4. A. J. D. Haupt	1884	1891	H. W. Knauff	Memorial Church. St. Paul, Minn.
5. Alfred Ramsey	1885	1896		Professor in Chicago Seminary
6. H. K. Gebhart	1889	1895	James Harms	First English Lutheran, Platteville, Wis.
7. A. J. Reichert	1890	1901	O. H. Adler	St. Paul's Church, Red Wing, Minn.
8. J. L. Murphy	1891	1905	C. F. Wiberg	St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn.
9. J. J Clemens	1896	1903	Tollaf Evjen	Holy Trinity Church, La Crosse, Wis.
10. R. A. Helms	1896	1903		St. Luke's, Goodhue. English Evan. Lutheran, Cannon Falls, Minn.
11. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D	1896	1905	F. E. Moody	St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
12. F. E. Jensen	1897	1897		Field Missionary
13. J. A Zundel	1898	1903		St. Mark's Church, Fargo, N. D.
14. F. S. Beistel	1898	1903	Wm. F. Pieper	St. James Church, St. Paul, Minn.
15. C. L. Warstler	1899	1899	Wm. T. Eckles	Trinity Church, St. Paul, Minn.
16. G. F. Gehr	1900	1900		General Secretary Chicago Seminary
17. A. C. Petersen	1900	1900	J. G. Earhuff	St. Mark's Church, North St. Paul, Minn.
18. John Keehley	1900	1904		St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
19. C. G. Stacy	1900	1905		North Shore, Lake Superior.
20. P. E. Baisler	1901	1901	Matthew Jensen	Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.
21. Wm. Eckert	1901	1905	Jacob Stoffel, Jr	Church of Holy Communion Racine, Wis.
22. J. S. Herold	1901	1905		First English Lutheran, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
23. Willis Beck	1902	1905		Holy Trinity Church, Superior, Wis.
24. W. P. Christy	1904	1904	Geo Schaller	St. Peter's Church, Janesville, Wis.
25. W. H. Gable	1905	1905		Grand Marais, Minn.
26. G. K. Rubrecht	1905	1905	C. H. Phelps	Epiphany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
27.			A. Erlandson	Trinity Church, Lindstrom, Minn. St. John's, Stacy, Minn.
28.				Trinity Church, Duluth, Minn.
29.			Chas. Meinecke C. A. Dennig, Alt	Church of the Advent. Cedarburg, Wis.
30.				Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
31.			E. A. Thompson	Church of the Atonement, Beloit, Wis.
				Church of Our Saviour, Ellsworth, Wis.

The program as prepared by the Executive Committee was adopted. Moved, That the hours of closing be 11:45 A. M. and 5 P. M. Adopted.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, president of Synod, read his annual report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

June 8, 1904, to June 28, 1905.

To the Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

With an anxious heart and with great misgiving as to my ability to serve two masters, namely, the synod and a widely scattered congregation, this difficult office of the presidency of synod was undertaken one year ago.

Our God and Father, in His great mercy, hides from us the cares and trials through which we may be called upon to pass, in order that we may have needed strength for those which are at hand.

The past year has been a "strenuous" one indeed. The gavel was not well in hand before momentous questions arose in the care of the mission fields at Mankato; River Falls and Ellsworth; West End, Duluth; and Grand Marais.

Mankato had been entered with fair prospects, but the field secretary was not able to assist Mr. Sappenfield in the opening up of the work, as was expected, and as a consequence the work was delayed and misunderstandings arose with the Minnesota conference.

Brother Anda and I visited the field July 11-13, 1904, called on those who seemed to be interested, held a meeting in the evening to consider the advisability of establishing a congregation and were convinced that English Lutheran work was needed though it was a little late to begin, and that the field would be a hard one owing to the strong opposition of the foreign Lutheran pastors, who hoped that we would not succeed. A man of special gifts and training for the work was needed, but we were unable to secure such an one because of the lack of means.

After Mr. Sappenfield left, we strove to keep the work alive with occasional services by Rev. Reichert and the Twin City pastors, all of whom have already too much to do; but without the daily contact so necessary to the success of a mission, the work was barely kept alive until at last the Minnesota Conference made a demand upon us for the surrender of the Mankato field to them under the guarantee that they would take up the work and prosecute it with vigor. Accordingly, with the unanimous consent of our executive committee, it was duly transferred to them, Thursday, December 1, 1904. They have endeavored in vain, to find some one to take up the work and make a success of it. A letter dated April 1, 1905, informs me that no services have been held there since we withdrew, despite the promise of the Minnesota brethren that they would take up the work at once. Mankato is still an important field but it will be much harder to begin the work there now because the people have lost confidence in its success.

It is not wise to begin mission work unless we have

the proper men, and abundant means to support them until the work is well on its feet.

The sum of $208.78 was spent on this field by the synod, which seems lost money to us but which would not have been spent in vain had we been able to secure a pastor to take up the work immediately.

Brother Anda and I next visited River Falls with the hope of getting the congregation to return to the synod and to build a suitable church, promising aid from the extension society and the calling of a competent man. The result looked quite favorable and a congregational meeting was ordered to consider the matter. Rev. Anda came all the way from Chicago especially to be present at that meeting, in company with the president of synod. After a short service Brother Anda stated the case plainly and we reasoned with them until nearly 11 p. m., but some who feared the probable expense, counselled uniting with the old Norwegian congregation and trying to secure English services every other week. They failed in this, and as some of our former members so earnestly plead for services, we tried to supply them on mid-week evenings, Pastors Warstler, Beistel and Keehley holding services there except in the coldest weather. As a consequence of this the Ellsworth services have had to be omitted since the fall, the pastors of the cities being too busy to give two days each week to the work. Mr. Langbein of Ellsworth writes, with deep sorrow, that he has been unable to get the council together since I wrote him last January, to enquire about services and the offerings for the synodical expenses. The faithful ones miss the services and one of their number said to the president

of synod when he visited the field last fall: "There never has been such preaching at Ellsworth as the pastors of your English synod have given us." My utter inability to supply and keep alive these fields has been a source of great anxiety and if the local work at Memorial had allowed, I would gladly have devoted more time and strength to this pressing mission work. The president of a synod, covering four states such as these, should not have a large and trying parish to look after. The synod work must be attended to closely and the parish work dare not be neglected. Moreover it is hard to get supplies for the pulpit, during the many enforced absences of the president.

Mankato and River Falls were not finally disposed of before Mr. August Johnson's stirring appeal at the meeting of the Central Conference at Duluth, and Mr. Obenauf's urgent request compelled a visit to Grand Marais and Maple Hill, September 22-27, 1904. The need of the field was apparent; for years the region along the north shore of the lake had not been adequately supplied with the Gospel or the Sacraments. No regular pastor to baptize the living, comfort the sick and dying, or bury the dead. It was a sad condition and some one must be secured, if possible, before Mr. Obenauf left. Rev. C. G. Stacy from Chicago was secured and he has striven faithfully to preach the Word and reach the scattered people. The letters of his trials, discouragements and successes are interesting and at times truly pathetic reading. There has been opposition to our work there from some of the denominations and the field has been a very trying one on many accounts. As it was impossible for me to go

at the time and there was urgent necessity that some one visit the field, Rev. F. E. Jensen, our new and efficient field missionary, visited Grand Marais from Tuesday, April 5th, to Wednesday, April 11th, 1905. He reports that it would be better to have a Norwegian-English pastor in that field if possible. Brother Stacy has kindly consented to take up the work west of that field and as an English speaking Norwegian could not be secured, Rev. Wm. H. Gable, highly recommended by Dr. Jacobs, was called and has accepted, to be in the field by the middle of July.

The Minnesota Conference claimed Grand Marais as its field and demanded that it be surrendered. Upon investigation we found that the Conference had no claim whatever and when the matter was brought to the attention of Rev. Dr. Elmquist, who had been holding services there, the charges were withdrawn.

On the 20th of October Rev. Anda and I visited Duluth to examine into the condition of Trinity mission, West End; and to see what could be done towards resuscitating the mision and securing a pastor. We found that the difficulty arose from a misunderstanding between Dr. Kunzmann and the secretary of the mission, each one waiting to hear from the other before taking any further action, and the delay brought death. The people were discouraged, yet many of them were willing to return if there was any positive hope of a settled congregation and work, but in the meantime the Missouri Norwegians had secured the very church that had been recommended to our Board, and had started an English Sunday school and services and succeeded in winning some of our chil-

dren and a few of our older people into their work. These things are very distressing. Missions should not be started unless they can be sustained. Rev. Willis Beck was called to this field by the Board of Home Missions, but after Rev. Murphy had arrived and had undertaken to start the work there again, preparatory to Rev. Beck's coming, we concluded that it were best, for the present, to place the work under the care of St. John's, and ask the Board to locate Rev. Beck in Superior, Wisconsin, instead. This was finally accomplished through the advice of our Field Missionary who was sent to canvass the whole situation and who came to the same conclusion. Rev. Murphy will take care of the work in the West End, and as soon as possible Rev. Beck will get a foothold in West Duluth, which is a different field altogether from West End, and we will have, by the blessing of God, four points of Gospel work at the head of the Great Lake instead of one.

Another matter of no little anxiety was the relation of the Trinity congregation of Lindstrom to our synod. When Rev. Jensen resigned, the feeling was expressed by some of the leading members of the congregation that it might be best for the work if they could secure a pastor who could speak the Swedish language as occasion might require. Some outside influence was brought to bear upon this position, but how much I am not able to say. However, wishing to please the congregation so far as possible, I made an effort to find some one from the Augustana synod who would accept the call. Two men were willing and anxious to take up the English work but neither of them willing

to leave the Augustana synod. It so happened that one of them was known to members of Lindstrom and was written to. He came, preached and received a call. Then it developed that the only condition on which he would accept was that the congregation join the Augustana synod. On June 9th, therefore, the council invited the president of synod to meet with them, and decided, after a long discussion, to submit the question of synodical union to a congregational meeting, which was done on June 19th. I went to Lindstrom on Saturday, preached for them on Sunday and remained over to attend the meeting Monday evening. It was an anxious day, a day of thought and prayer, but the dear Lord and Master was with us. The meeting was a remarkably peaceful one and the congregation, by a large majority, decided to remain with the synod and to call Rev. Yung of Seattle to be their pastor. May the great Head of the Church move him to accept. In this, our work at Stacy, Minnesota, was also involved, for if the Lindstrom congregation had gone into the Augustana synod, the Stacy congregation would not have been able to support its work alone. We were the first to have a Lutheran congregation organized in Stacy, though it afterwards appeared that the Minnesota conference unknown to us, had decided (previously) to begin work there. Our beautiful little new church was offered to our Swedish brethren, rent free, for Swedish services. They at first accepted, then rejected the offer and are now building across the street from us. Stacy is a small place of about 400. Our work was started there, not to interfere with the Swedish work, but to reach those who

asked for the English, and also, as far as possible, the mixed American population. Over 100 scholars are enrolled in our Sunday school.

But the hardest trial of all the year was that of St. John's, Minneapolis. Our dear brother, Professor Ramsey, left the field August 1st, 1904, almost one year ago, and the Rev. Dr. Lenker has been faithfully supplying the pulpit and instructing the catechumens during the vacancy.

A division in the congregation unfortunately soon developed. It is not necessary to go into details. The delay was very distressing and trying both to the congregation and to the president of synod, who has endeavored to do only that which was right to both parties, and to heal, if possible, the breach.

On Sunday, April 2nd, Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., was called from Bethany Swedish congregation of Duluth, to be the pastor of St. John's. As soon as possible thereafter the minority filed a protest against the call on the ground that both the meeting and the election were illegal. Dr. Elmquist referred the matter to me to know my opinion before accepting the call. After consulting with members of both sides, I came to the conclusion that, though there had been errors of judgment, there had not been any intentional illegality or irregularity in the action of the congregation and that it would be difficult to prove that the election was not legal, and furthermore that, under the strained circumstances that had arisen, it would be difficult, possibly, for any one to receive a more unanimous call. On these grounds I wrote Dr. Elmquist that if he felt he could serve his Master and the church better in St.

John's than in his present field, I thought it would be safe and right for him to accept the call; having first received the doctor's assurance that he was ready to unite heartily with the Synod of the Northwest; and I felt that it would be a bond of union and harmony between us and the Augustana synod.

The decision of the president of synod is appealed from, however, by the minority, and you are asked to decide whether Dr. Elmquist is the pastor-elect of St. John's or not. I would suggest that the matter be referred to a special committee or to the ministerium, for consideration.

OUR RELATIONS WITH THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

This is perhaps as fitting a place as any to speak of the efforts put forth to dwell at peace with these our brethren in the General Council.

With all this vast field before us and many thousands of Lutheran souls still out of the church, and in view of the heavy losses of our Lutheran young people to other than Lutheran communions because of the question of language, it is a matter of great sorrow that there should be any strife or ill feeling between any of our Lutheran bodies. I hope the time will never come when there shall be half a dozen or more English synods on this territory each antagonizing the others in this soul saving work. What must the devil think of such strife among brethren, and what must the dear Lord and Master think of it? No, Brethren, I pray God that in the not distant future, the great Mother

Church of the Reformation may be ONE and stand with a *united front* against *all* the Lord's enemies; open deviltry, subtle worldliness, rationalism, higher criticism and all the other perils that are threatening to overthrow His Kingdom.

When therefore, on Thursday, September the 22nd, 1904, the executive committee of the Minnesota Conference addressed a rather severe communication to the president of synod, it was not ignored because, technically, only a synod can deal with a synod, but the desire was expressed that we might meet with our brethren and try to settle the difficulties in a Christian and brotherly way. This resulted in a number of the brethren of the Central Conference meeting with the executive committee and several other brethren of the Minnesota Conference at Bethesda hospital, St. Paul, on Tuesday, February 7th, 1905; which meeting, I believe, was fraught with much good in the end, and led to a better understanding of each other's position.

We need English schools, colleges and seminaries for the education of our young men and women. What folly for us to spend thousands of dollars in starting institutions of our own if we can work in harmony with and use one or the other of the twelve or more institutions already established. In conversation with several of the leading men of the Minnesota Conference I find that they are willing and anxious that some provision shall be made to work in harmony with us; to give us representation on their college and hospital boards, and that we shall send our young people, so far as is expedient, to their institutions and, for the common good of the church, help to support these institu-

tions, and that we should do the English work until such a time as the conference should become English and perchance a district synod, when there could be a happy union of the two bodies. The Lord grant it for His dear name's sake and the growth of His Kingdom.

SYNOD INCORPORATED.

Following your instructions of a year ago and urged forward by an application for the use of the extension fund, which could not be granted until the incorporation was effected, your officers filed the articles of incorporation and secured the certificate under date of

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1904,

and in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

Rev. Jacob M. Tise, who had resigned from Trinity congregation, Duluth, in February, 1904, as reported last year, was dismissed Friday, June 17th, 1904, to unite with the Synod of Southwest Virginia; having received a call to Zion's pastorate, Floyd, Virginia.

On August 1st, 1904, Rev. Alfred Ramsey relinquished his work at St. John's, Minneapolis, to enter upon his new field as professor of historical theology in the Chicago seminary, leaving an important vacancy.

June 27th, 1904, Rev. D. W. Michael resigned the pastorate of St. John's, Duluth, to take effect the last Sunday in September. He was dismissed to the Pittsburg synod on September the 29th, having accepted a

call to Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania, and left Duluth October 2nd, 1904.

This was shortly followed by the resignation of Rev. George F. Gehr of the Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wisconsin; Sunday, October 16th, 1904, to accept the general secretaryship of the Chicago seminary; leaving another serious vacancy in our active pastoral force.

Scarcely had the news of this resignation reached us when it was announced that on November 9th, 1904, Rev. Frank E. Jensen had resigned Trinity congregation, Lindstrom, Minnesota, to accept the call to become the General Council Field Missionary for Minnesota and the Dakotas. He entered upon his new work March 1st of the present year.

Rev. Robert L. Leatherman, having found work within the bounds of the Pittsburg synod, desired a letter of dismissal which was granted on Friday, June 9th, 1905. Thus another of the seven original members of the synod is removed from our roll, leaving but Dr. Frick and your president still toiling side by side in the synod, through these fourteen years, for the saving of our scattered Lutheran children. But how sad and how frequent the changes.

The synod was further threatened with the loss of our faithful secretary, but a merciful providence and a loving congregation prevented.

Thus there have been seven vacancies during this year, some of them very trying. Ellsworth and River Falls parish; Trinity and St. John's, Duluth; Grand Marais; St. John's, Minneapolis; Lindstrom and Stacy parish, and Holy Communion, Racine, Wisconsin. We

have not included Mankato as it has been ceded to the Minnesota conference, and yet we spent much time in trying to supply this field, also.

OUR ACCESSIONS.

But let us turn to the bright side, Brethren.

Synod, last year, set apart an hour of prayer to the Lord of the harvest, according to His own command, that He would send forth more laborers into His harvest. Our prayers are answered.

Rev. William Passavant Christy, who was ordained at the meeting of synod last year, was formally installed as pastor of St. Peter's, Janesville, Wisconsin, on Wednesday evening, June 22nd, 1904, by the Rev. Dr. W. K. Frick, president of the Eastern Conference.

On September 18th, 1904, Rev. Joseph L. Murphy of Muscatine, Iowa, was duly called by St. John's, Duluth. He accepted on September 28th, arrived in Duluth, November 3d, and entered at once upon his labors with zeal and success. With the consent of the president of the Central Conference, he was installed by the president of synod on Sunday, January 15th, 1905. He applies to be received at this meeting of synod, presenting a letter of honorable dismissal from the Synod of Iowa, General Synod, though he is an alumnus of the Philadelphia seminary and first served in a General Council congregation.

September the 22nd, your executive committee extended a call to Rev. C. G. Stacy to take up the work on the North Shore for the winter. The call was finally accepted and Rev. Stacy began work October 1st, 1904, before Mr. Obenauf left the field. He comes

to us recommended by the Synod of Northern Illinois, General Synod. As the work is of a missionary character as yet, without an organization, he has not been installed.

January 8th, 1905, Holy Communion, Racine, found a successor to Rev. Gehr in the person of Rev. William Eckert of South Bend, Indiana. He accepted the call January 20th, arrived March 25th, and was installed by Dr. Frick on Tuesday evening, April 11th, 1905. He comes to us with a letter of recommendation from the Chicago Synod.

The Home Mission Board called Rev. Willis Beck of Derry Station, Pa., to become the pastor of Trinity, Duluth. The call was extended October 24th, and was accepted November 23d, 1904, but the location was afterwards wisely changed to Superior, Wisconsin. Brother Beck comes to us from the Pittsburg Synod affectionately recommended.

We are indebted to the Board for another member of our synod, the Rev. J. S. Herold, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, now in charge of the General Council Mission at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He received the call from the Board February 15th, accepted March 13th, 1905, and entered upon his work on the 3rd of May. The president of the District Synod of Ohio dismisses him to us with an earnest prayer for the Lord's blessing upon him in his new field of labor.

Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., of the Augustana Synod, having been called to our "mother congregation," St. John's, Minneapolis, Sunday, April 2d, 1905, and having accepted the call, is regularly dismissed and warmly recommended to us by the president

of the Augustana Synod. May this be a first step towards a closer union and a warmer fellowship between the two bodies.

And now, lastly, the dear old Mother Synod, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, sends to us in her love and sympathy for us in our great struggles, two of her noble sons, Rev. William Henry Gable and Rev. George Keller Rubrecht. The former was called by the executive committee of synod to the field at Grand Marais and adjacent points. The call was extended under date of May 4th, and accepted May 16th, 1905. Brother Gable expects to reach his field by the middle of July, but is not able to be present at synod and asks to be excused. The latter, Rev. Rubrecht, was called to the new Epiphany congregation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 15th, 1905. The call was accepted Tuesday, April 11th, 1905.

This gives us an addition of *eight* new names to our synodical roll, the largest number, I believe, received at any one time, and increasing our membership to 26; two more than we had before our loss of six faithful pastors in the organization of the Pacific Synod in 1901.

NEW CONGREGATIONS.

With sincere gratitude to our blessed Lord and Master, we also review our growth in new congregations.

1. On June 15th, 1904, four trustees incorporated *St. John's, Stacy, Minnesota.* The organization was completed January 8th, 1905, with 25 charter members, and the congregation applies to be received into the

synod under the Lindstrom parish, at this meeting.

2. About a year ago a party of young people from the Danish Lutheran church of Minneapolis, feeling the need of English in the services of the church, started a Sunday school and afternoon services and finally organized *Holy Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church* of Minneapolis, on Sunday, January 29th, 1905, with a membership of 28, and they have applied to us for admission into our synod. We have been able to secure for them, through the kindness of Dr. Jacobs, Mr. Frank Croman, a bright young student from the Philadelphia seminary, who will canvass the southern part of the city and endeavor so to put the work upon its feet that it will be possible to call a pastor in the fall.

3. *Epiphany Mission* Sunday school, of Milwaukee, started by Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., on Sunday, June 9th, 1901, has grown into a congregation of fifty members. On Thursday, January 26th, 1905, Dr. Frick and Rev. Anda held the first meeting for organization, which was completed March 2nd.

4. These brethren also visited Beloit, Wisconsin, on Friday evening, March 12th, 1905, and succeeded in organizing the *Church of the Atonement,* the organization being completed on Tuesday evening, June 27th. The first English Lutheran services in Beloit were held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, March 19th, 1905. This congregation contains a number of substantial men, and it is expected that it will not be long before we shall have a fine church and a settled pastor at this important and prosperous centre.

5. The importance of a field missionary for the

western section of our synod has been more than verified by the success which has crowned the labors of Brother Jensen since he began the work but four months ago. Preliminary work had been done before, but it has been the work of the past few months that has really told. On Tuesday, December 13th, 1904, he first visited the Canadian city of Winnipeg and held English Lutheran services there. We now have a missionary on the field, the Rev. J. S. Herold, and on April 28th, a lot 108x125 feet was secured at Ellice avenue and Agnes street at a cost of $2,376.00. Rev. Herold entered upon his labors there Wednesday, May 3rd, 1905, and on Sunday, June 25th, organized the *First English Lutheran Church of Winnipeg* under the direction of Field Missionary Jensen. There was a charter membership of 28. A tent has been purchased, 24x40, and erected upon the lot and fitted with seats as a temporary chapel. This place of worship cost $90. Plans are being prepared for a neat chapel to be built by the people of Winnipeg.

6. On Sunday, March 19th, 1905, our field missionary began work in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran church of Superior, Wisconsin, with an encouraging attendance. A Sunday school was organized, and regular services were continued with the assistance of Rev. Murphy of Duluth until the arrival, on Thursday, April 13th, of Rev. Beck, who is now in charge of the work. On Trinity Sunday, June 18th, the congregation was organized under the name of the *English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity,* with 20 charter members, by Revs. Jensen and Beck.

OTHER MISSION WORK.

There has been need of English Lutheran work in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for some time. Rev. Jensen's attention was called to the place and he visited it with the result that he secured the use of a suitable church building for one year at $8 per month rental. It was only necessary that some one should go there and hold services. Dr. Weidner rightly urged that we, as a synod, employ our own student on our own field for his good as well as ours, in the future. Mr. Herman Wennermark was therefore called by the president of synod to Sioux Falls, for the summer, under the supervision of Field Missionary Jensen, and it is earnestly hoped that his work will be eminently successful in the Lord and that a congregation will soon be organized there as a result.

Dr. Frick and Rev. Christy held the first services in Madison, the strongly Lutheran capital of the great Lutheran state of Wisconsin, at the Y. M. C. A. parlors, Thursday evening, May 25th, 1905. Vigorous work is to follow, a thorough canvass made and, with the Lord's blessing, a congregation organized in the near future.

We learn also that Student Dennig of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, has rented a hall at Thiensville, not far distant, a place entirely without the Gospel, and proposes to start work there. May the Lord richly bless his heroic faith.

CORNER STONES AND DEDICATIONS.

1. On Sunday, June 12th, 1904 ,while synod was

still in session, the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, superintendent of Home Missions, assisted by Rev. W. P. Christy, the pastor, and Field Missionary A. C. Anda, dedicated the *St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Janesville, Wisconsin.* This building was secured for $5,400.00 from the Methodists and is one of the most desirable properties in Janesville.

2. Only a few weeks after the close of synod, Sunday, July 3rd, 1904, we were called upon to assist in the laying of the corner stone of the solid and beautiful new *Salem Church of Minneapolis,* our former president, Rev. Dr. Trabert, pastor. All the brethren of the Twin Cities and Dr. Frick of Milwaukee were present to rejoice together over the blessing that God was bestowing upon us as a synod as well as upon the Salem congregation. This beautiful edifice was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, March 12th, 1905, by the pastor; Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D. D., dean of the Philadelphia seminary and the president of synod, preaching to a large and attentive audience.

3. On the way from the Duluth meeting of the Central Conference, the president and secretary of synod stopped off at Stacy, Minnesota, September 8th, 1904, to assist Rev. Jensen in the dedication of the *St. John's English Lutheran Church.* It was an ever memorable night. The little church was filled to the doors with earnest worshippers.

4. Sunday, September the 11th, 1904, found Rev. A. J. Reichert, the president of the Central Conference, and myself at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, assisting Rev. R. A. Helms in the laying of the corner stone of their new and tasteful church. This edifice was solemnly

dedicated on May 7th, 1905, Rev. Dr. Trabert and the former pastor, Rev. Merrill E. Boulton, preaching the sermons. The president of synod was denied the privilege of being present on account of sickness.

5. *St. James Church, St. Paul,* newly painted within and without, and with handsome new pews and a new organ, was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, March 26th, 1905. The dedication of St. James had been wisely delayed until the congregation should acquire title to the property. This was finally accomplished in the fall of 1904 by the persistent effort of the pastor and the willing co-operation of the members, and the congregation and the whole synod is to be congratulated on the result. Rev. Austin D. Crile of Chicago and the president of synod made the addresses of dedication.

The dedication of five such buildings in one year by a synod still so feeble as ours, is truly remarkable; a cause for deep gratitude to Him who doeth all things well.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The standing rules of synod require the president to address letters of inquiry to the pastors and report on the state of the churches, but this was not possible except in a few cases this year, owing to the fact that a whole month's sickness in May made it impossible to get through the mass of work that you have placed in my hands as chairman of the committee on constitution and of the history of synod. All our congregations are doing a noble work for the Master and have been richly blessed in the accession of members, as the statistical reports will show.

Time was when synod had but one self-supporting congregation, Memorial, St. Paul; during the past year *four* of our congregations became self-supporting and the time is fast approaching when the mission congregations will be in the minority. This is one of the most encouraging signs of material progress.

The first congregation to become self-supporting was our *St. James Church of St. Paul.* After securing their property they boldly decided to support their own pastor. All honor to St. James.

The *Church of the Redeemer,* Milwaukee, was the next to enter the ranks of self-support. On the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th, 1904, they started to walk alone. This would have been done long ago had it not been for the very heavy burden of debt and interest this mission was compelled to carry for so many years. The church property has been greatly improved by the removal of the old dwelling that stood upon the front of their lot, the building of a beautiful vestibule entrance with corresponding interior improvements, and a pipe organ. Nor has Redeemer been behind in all the benevolent operations of the church.

On December 1st, 1904, Holy Communion, Racinè, became self-supporting and is in a flourishing condition. They reduced their debt by $500.00 and are full of bright hopes for the future.

Brother Zundel writes from Fargo, N. D.: "We wish to inform you that St. Mark's is self-supporting and has been since January 1st, 1905." This congregation has almost doubled its Sunday school attendances in the past year and the building is rapidly be-

coming too small for its work. May the Lord bless them with a new building in the near future.

St. Mark's, North St. Paul, reports an encouraging increase in the membership of both church and Sunday school. The contributions have also increased and it is hoped that it will not be long before this congregation is also on the self-supporting list, and that they will be able to purchase the property in which they are now worshipping. The Luther League has furnished the church with electric lights and the apportionments to synod have been promptly paid.

There are but three vacancies in the synod at the present time, Lindstrom parish; The Church of Our Saviour, Ellsworth; and Holy Trinity, Minneapolis; all of which we hope will soon be filled.

In performing synodical duties it has been necessary for me to travel 2,014 miles and to write 269 letters, many of them of pressing importance. Synod should make some provision for synodical stationery for the use of its officers.

Every pastor in the synod should make it his duty to familiarize himself with the standing rules of synod and to live up to them strictly, as it would greatly lighten the burdens and responsibilities of the president and treasurer in securing the necessary funds for the payment of our obligations. Every year the printer has been compelled to wait an unreasonable time because the synodical expense fund which is due October 1st, has not been paid until the following spring.

The executive committee of synod is too widely scattered for effective work. Several important questions as to the mission work of the synod arose during

the year and it was impossible to get the committee together, and next to impossible to get a decision by correspondence, which latter method consumes much time and is no little expense. Synod is urged to take some action which will render it possible to have full meetings of this committee or authorize it to appoint a subcommittee on missions.

The secretary of one of our vacant congregations asks for information as to the form required in the dismissal of members. I therefore repeat the suggestion made by President Frick in 1895, just ten years ago, that blank letters of transfer be printed according to the forms adopted by synod at the meeting in Duluth in 1895, pages 35 and following, and that a certain number be sent to each pastor or vacant parish.

THE SYNODICAL CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Rev. D. W. Michael, feeling the need of a synodical church extension fund for the better development of our local field, secured the sum of $100 for a foundation. This sum was immediately turned over to the treasurer of synod, upon our incorporation. The St. John's congregation of Stacy had already applied, through Rev. Jensen, for a loan of $300 to enable them to pay off their pressing floating indebtedness. This property is worth in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars and they not only need but deserve our help. The $100 in hand was advanced and a mortgage note secured for the same which is in the hands of the treasurer of synod, but we are in duty bound to raise for them, if possible, the remaining $200. I suggest that

this sum be apportioned among the several congregations and that they be requested to advance the same as soon as possible.

And now, Brethren, though the past year has been full of sore trials and disappointments, nevertheless the Lord has richly blessed our united labors and in looking back over the past year we certainly have many things to be deeply grateful for. I truly feel that the office with which you have honored me is one altogether too hard for me and I earnestly request that you will seek, and that it may be the Lord's will to have, some one more able and competent to fill this office for you in the year that is to come. May the gracious Lord and Saviour bless the synod abundantly in the new year upon which we are entering.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. D. HAUPT, President.

Moved, That the report be received and referred to a committee. Carried.

Hon. C. A. Smith, treasurer of Synod, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

C. A. SMITH, *Treasurer,*

In Account with THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

June 8, 1904, to June 27, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Advent Congregation, Cedarburg, Wis	$20.10
Cannon Falls Congregation, Cannon Falls, Minn	8.32
Epiphany Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis	56.42
First Church, Platteville, Wis	64.68
Holy Communion Congregation, Racine, Wis	270.56
Holy Trinity Congregation, Duluth, Minn	.....
Holy Trinity Congregation, La Crossé, Wis	75.80
Holy Trinity Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn	5.00
Mankato Mission, Mankato, Minn	6.76
Memorial Congregation, St. Paul, Minn	386.40
Our Savior Congregation, Ellsworth, Wis	.....
Redeemer Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis	222.28
Salem Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn	395.69
St. James' Congregation, St. Paul, Minn	167.25
St. John's Congregation, Duluth, Minn	202.20
St. John's Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn	129.81
St. John's Congregation, Stacy, Minn	.....
St. Luke's Congregation, Goodhue, Minn	27.24
St. Mark's Congregation, Fargo, N. Dak	83.73
St. Mark's Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn	67.50
St. Mark's Congregation, No. St. Paul, Minn	66.39
St. Paul's Congregation, Red Wing, Minn	274.46
St. Peter's Congregation, Janesville, Wis	53.10
Trinity Congregation, St. Paul, Minn	121.87
Trinity Congregation, Lindstrom, Minn	82.98
Sisters' and Deaconess' Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis	45.00

Special Contributions acct. by individuals	199.56
Balance last report Synodical General Expenses	79.33
Balance last report Synodical Delegate Traveling Expenses	19.54
Balance last report Synodical Home Missions	186.18
Twin City Pastoral Association	40.56
	$3,449.34

DISBURSEMENTS.

Synodical General Expense	$308.25
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	94.47
Synodical Church Extension Fund	100.00
Synodical Home Missions	548.34
Chicago Theological Seminary	524.23
General Council Foreign Missions, India	354.84
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	105.40
General Council Home Missions	736.45
General Council Church Extension	485.78
Orphans, Vasa, Minn	76.86
Orphans, Joliet, Ill	3.00
Funds Remaining in Treasury—Synodical General Expenses	29.17
Funds Remaining in Treasury—Delegates Traveling Expenses	10.19
Funds Remaining in Treasury—Church Extension	3.00
Funds Remaining in Treasury—Home Missions	69.36
	$3,449.34

Detailed Statement Synodical Delegate's Traveling Expenses.

RECEIPTS.

Balance last year	19.54
Trinity, St. Paul, Minn	3.60
Cannon Falls Congregation, Cannon Falls, Minn.	3.20
St. Marks, No. St. Paul, Minn., 1902	2.07
St. Marks, No. St. Paul, Minn., 1904	1.65
Memorial, St. Paul, Minn	11.15
St. Johns, Minneapolis, Minn	16.80
Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis	9.00

St. James, St. Paul, Minn	5.70	
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn	8.00	
St. Marks, Minneapolis, Minn.	2.70	
St. Marks, Fargo, N. Dak.	6.25	
St. Pauls, Red Wing, Minn	12.30	
St. Lukes, Goodhue, Minn.	2.70	
	$104.66	

DISBURSEMENTS.

St. Marks, Fargo, N. Dak., 1903	$10.00
St. Peters, Janesville, Wis., 1903	4.00
Grace Congregation, Kenosha, Wis	25.25
St. Marks, Fargo, N. Dak., 1904	18.34
Holy Communion, Racine	17.20
Our Savior, Ellsworth, Wis	1.30
St. Johns, Duluth, Minn	3.10
St. Peters, Janesville	7.10
Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis	8.18
Cash balance	10.19
	$104.66

Amounts Still Due From Congregations, 1903.

St. Luke's Congregation, Goodhue, Minn	$3.60

Amounts Still Due From Congregations, 1904.

Advent Congregation, Cedarburg, Wis	$1.50
First Church, Plattville, Wis	1.10
St. Lukes Congregation, Goodhue, Minn	2.70
Trinity Congregation, Duluth, Minn	1.70
St. Pauls, Red Wing, Minn	2.17
	$9.17

Detailed Statement Synodical Expense Account.

RECEIPTS.

From all sources and old balance	$337.42

EXPENDITURES.

History of Synod Note	$89.33
Priting of Minutes	116.00
Due General Council Account Expenses	40.00

Expenses of President	12.71
Expenses of Secretary	13.33
Ordination Certificate	1.00
Attorney Fees for Incorporation	25.00
Bond Box and Seals	1.80
Envelopes for Synodical Home Missions Offering	6.25
Traveling Expenses, Rev. Reichart	2.83
Cash balance	29.17
	$337.42

Detailed Statement Synodical Church Extension Fund.

RECEIPTS.

St. Johns, Duluth, Minn	$103.00	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loan to Stacy Congregation	$100.00
Cash balance	3.00
	$103.00

Detailed Statement Synodical Home Mission Account.

RECEIPTS.

From all sources and old balance	$617.70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mankato Mission	$228.34
St. Marks, No. St. Paul	75.00
St. James, St. Paul	100.00
Stacy Congregation	5.00
Grand Marais Mission	100.00
Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Mission	40.00
Cash balance	69.36
	$617.70

Securities of the Eng. Ev. Luth. Synod of the Northwest in the hands of the Treasurer.

Note for $115.00 from Herman Wennermark, payable as soon as circumstances allow.

Note and mortgage from the trustees of St. Johns Church of Stacy, Minn., for $100.00, payable Nov. 30, 1908.

Detailed Statement of Congregations Contribution Synodical Year 1904.

Advent Congregation, Cedarburg, Wis.:

Synodical Home Missions	$12.10	
Home Missions	8.00	
		$20.10

Epiphany Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis.:

Chicago Theological Seminary	$18.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	8.95	
General Council Home Missions	13.41	
General Council Church Extension	16.06	
		$56.42

First Church, Platteville, Wis.:

Synodical General Expense	$1.10	
Synodical Home Missions	9.00	
Chicago Theological Seminary	13.48	
General Council Foreign Missions, India	8.68	
General Council Home Missions	8.23	
General Council Church Extension	24.19	
		$64.68

Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.:

Synodical General Expense	$10.80	
Synodical Home Missions	11.10	
Chicago Theological Seminary	12.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	10.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	6.35	
General Council Home Missions	12.38	
General Council Church Extension	28.00	
		$90.63

Cannon Falls Congregation:

Synodical General Expenses	$5.12	
Delegates Traveling Expenses	3.20	
		$8.32

Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.:

Synodical General Expense	$22.56
Synodical Home Missions	15.00
Chicago Theological Seminary	78.00
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	23.00
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	12.00

General Council Home Missions.....	85.00	
General Council Church Extension.....	35.00	
		$270.56

Holy Trinity, Duluth, Minn.:

No contribution.

Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.:

Synodical Expense	$8.24	
Synodical Home Missions.....	5.06	
Chicago Theological Seminary.....	43.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	9.50	
General Council Home Missions.....	5.00	
General Council Church Extension.....	5.00	
		$75.80

Church of Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.:

General Council Church Extension.....	$5.00	

Mankato Mission:

Synodical Home Missions.....	$6.76	

Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.:

Synodical General Expense.....	$22.56	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expense..	11.15	
Synodical Home Missions.....	30.00	
Chicago Theological Seminary.....	69.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	35.45	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	25.00	
General Council Home Missions.....	95.00	
General Council Church Extension.....	98.24	
		$386.40

Our Savior, Ellsworth, Wis.:

No contribution.

Redeemer Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis.:

Synodical General Expenses.....	$31.92	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses.	9.00	
Chicago Seminary	57.22	
General Council Foreign Mission, India..	23.47	
General Council Foreign Mission, Porto Rico	5.25	

General Council Home Missions.....	87.42	
General Council Church Extension.....	5.00	
All on apportionment.....	$219.28	
Orphans, Joliet	3.00	
		$222.28

Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Synodical General Expense.....	$17.52	
Synodical Delegate Traveling Expenses..	8.00	
Synodical Home Missions.....	32.02	
Chicago Theological Seminary.....	11.09	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	45.63	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	10.00	
General Council Home Missions.....	172.76	
General Council Church Extension.....	67.15	
All on apportionment.....	$364.17	
Orphans, Vasa	31.52	
		$395.69

St. James, St. Paul, Minn.:

Synodical General Expense.....	$9.12	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses.	5.70	
Synodical Home Missions.....	6.67	
Chicago Seminary	65.85	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	11.60	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	3.48	
General Council Home Missions.....	11.60	
General Council Church Extension.....	36.55	
All on apportionment.....	$150.67	
Orphans, Vasa	16.68	
		$167.25

St. Johns, Duluth, Minn.

Synodical General Expense.....	$115.80	
Synodical Home Missions.....	23.10	
Chicago Theological Seminary.....	13.30	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	10.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	10.00	

General Council Home Missions.....	20.00	
General Council Church Extension.....	10.00	
		$202.20

St. Johns, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Synodical General Expense.....	$26.88	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expense..	16.80	
Synodical Home Missions.....	6.20	
Chicago Theological Seminary.....	20.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	5.00	
General Council Home Missions.....	18.84	
General Council Church Extension.....	26.26	
All on apportionment.....	$119.98	
Orphans, Vasa	9.83	
		$129.81

St. Lukes, Goodhue, Minn.:

Synodical Expense	$8.64	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses.	2.70	
General Council Church Extension.....	7.15	
All on apportionment.....	$18.49	
Orphans, Vasa	8.75	
		$27.24

St. Marks, Fargo, N. Dak.:

Synodical General Expense.....	$10.00	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses.	6.25	
Synodical Home Missions.....	10.00	
Chicago Seminary	12.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	25.00	
General Council Home Missions.....	7.21	
General Council Church Extension.....	13.27	
		$83.73

St. Marks, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses.....	$6.40	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses.	2.70	
Synodical Home Missions.....	7.90	
General Council Foreign Missions, India.	7.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	2.50	
General Council Home Missions.....	33.00	
General Council Church Extension.....	8.00	
		$67.50

St. Marks, No. St. Paul, Minn.:

Synodical General Expense	$8.30	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expense	3.72	
Synodical Home Missions	22.69	
General Council Foreign Missions, India	12.48	
General Council Home Missions	9.60	
General Council Church Extension	9.60	
		$66.39

St. Pauls, Red Wing, Minn.:

Synodical General Expense	$32.68	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expense	12.30	
Synodical Home Missions	10.47	
Chicago Theological Seminary	86.75	
General Council Foreign Missions, India	25.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	13.76	
General Council Home Missions	43.89	
General Council Church Extension	39.53	
All on apportionment	$264.38	
Orphans, Vasa	10.08	
		$274.46

St. Pauls, Janesville, Wis.:

Synodical General Expense	$4.96	
General Council Foreign Missions, India	3.04	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	2.00	
General Council Home Missions	13.10	
General Council Church Extension	30.00	
		$53.10

Stacy Congregation, Stacy, Minn.:

No contributions.

Trinity, St. Paul:

Synodical General Expenses	$10.32	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	3.60	
Synodical Home Missions	11.89	
Chicago Theological Seminary	15.08	
General Council Foreign Missions, India	20.00	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	7.50	
General Council Home Missions	31.70	
General Council Church Extension	21.78	
		$121.87

Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.:

Synodical General Expense	$8.17	
Chicago Seminary	9.46	
General Council Foreign Missions, India	26.04	
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	7.56	
General Council Home Missions	31.75	
		$82.98

River Falls Congregation, River Falls, Wis.:

No contribution.

Sisters of Deaconess Mother Home, Milwaukee, Wis.:

General Council Foreign Missions, India	$45.00	

Twin City Pastoral Association:

Synodical Home Missions	$12.00	
General Council Home Missions	28.56	
		$40.56

Special Contribution Account:

Synodical Home Missions	$199.56

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SMITH,
Treasurer.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 27th, 1905.

On motion, The report was received and ordered referred to an auditing committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The president then appointed Mr. L. G. J. Mack and Mr. Carl F. Wiberg, tellers to conduct the election of officers.

The election resulted as follows:

President, REV. A. J. D. HAUPT.
Secretary, REV. C. L. WARSTLER.
Treasurer, HON. C. A. SMITH.

The president at this time and at subsequent sessions welcomed the following and extended to them the privileges of the floor: Judge N. O. Werner, Minneapolis, Minn.; Rev. Geo. Drach, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Chicago, Ill.; Student O. S. Yerger, Chicago Seminary, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. A. C. Anda, Western Field Secretary, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. S. N. Elvin, Racine, Wis.; Rev. J. Kildsig, Racine, Wis.

Mr. C. A. Dennig, student in charge of the Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, Wisconsin, by vote of synod, was given a seat in the convention without a vote.

Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., fraternal delegate from the Chicago Synod, extended the greetings of that synod and spoke briefly of its work.

A report of the ministerium was received for consideration. The following recommendations were severally adopted: That Rev. Wm. Eckert, Rev. J. L. Murphy and Rev. C. G. Stacy be received into synod.

These brethren were then presented by the Examining Committee and welcomed into the synod by the president.

The report of the Eastern Conference was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EASTERN CONFERENCE.

To the English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, Greeting:

The Eastern Conference respectfully submits the following report:

Two conventions of Conference were held during the year—the first was held in St. Peters Church, Janesville, Wis., Rev. Wm. Passavant Christy, pastor, October 6 and 7, 1904.

The opening service was a communion service, at which the Secretary of Conference preached the sermon.

The second chapter of Dr. Gerberding's Pastoral Theology was discussed. The following themes were presented:

1. The Inner Call to the Office of the Ministry.
2. Natural Endowments.
3. Spiritual Qualifications.
4. A Model Meeting of a Pastor's Aid Society, was conducted by Rev. Dr. Frick.

The committee on president's report recommended that the matter of Lutheran literature in public libraries be presented to the Luther Leagues and Aid Societies of the various congregations by the pastors thereof.

The advisability of holding Sunday School conventions in connection with Conference meetings was discussed but no definite action.

Conference was honored by the presence of Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., and Rev. A. C. Anda. Prof. Gerberding spoke on "The Chicago Seminary and Church Expansion." Rev. Anda described "A Recent Tour Through the Pacific Synod."

The second meeting was held in the First English Lutheran Church, Platteville, Wis., Rev. H. K. Gebhart, pastor, May 23 to 25, 1905. Rev. Wm. Eckert, pastor of Holy Communion Church, Racine, Wis., preached the sermon at the communion service.

The doctrinal discussions were based on Chapter III of Dr. Gerberding's Pastoral Theology.

The following subjects were treated:

1. The Hierarchical Theory of the Call.
2. The Transference Theory.
3. The Call Primarily by the Church.

Papers on the subjects: "Objections to the Church," "Objections to the Lutheran Church," were read.

Conference was honored by the presence of Rev. Prof. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., who spoke on "Absorption as a Chief Condition of a Successful Ministry." Dr. Frick at the same service, spoke on "The General Council—Its Mission and Work."

On motion of Rev. W. P. Christy it was resolved that the president appoint a committee of three to arrange a series of lectures, either by the pastors of Conference or others, to be delivered to the Luther Leagues of the Conference.

Reports of substantial progress were heard from all the congregations in Conference.

Seven years ago there was one English Lutheran Congregation on the territory of the Eastern Conference, with a membership of 218; there are now six congregations and 1500 communicants and two new congregations, the Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee; and the Church of the Atonement, Beloit, organized.

The next meeting will be held in Grace Church, Kenosha.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. Frick, Pres.
P. E. Baisler, Sec'y.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The president then appointed the following committees:

1. *Auditing*—Rev. P. E. Baisler and Mr. Carl F. Wiberg.

2. *Reception of Congregations*—Rev. J. J. Clemens, Rev. A. C. Petersen and Dr. F. E. Moody.

3. *Apportionment and Traveling Expenses*—Rev. F. E. Jensen and Mr. Wm. F. Pieper.

4. *President's Report*—Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Rev. A. J. Reichert and Mr. J. G. Earhuff.

5. *Excuses*—Rev. Alfred Ramsey.

6. *Protocol*—Rev. J. L. Murphy and Mr. O. H. Adler.

7. *Press*—Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Rev. P. E. Baisler and Rev. John Keehley.

Closed with prayer by Rev. C. G. Stacy.

Second Session.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1905, 2:00 P. M.

The session was opened with a devotional service conducted by Rev. A. C. Petersen. Roll was called and minutes read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Plans to Aid Disabled and Superannuated Pastors was received and considered item by item.

Adjourned at 5:15 P. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Hunton.

Third Session.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1905, 9:00 A. M.

Matins were conducted by Rev. W. P. Christy. Roll was called and minutes were read and approved.

The Ministerium then reported the following: That Rev. Willis Beck and Rev. J. S. Herold are recommended to

synod for reception into synod. The recommendations were considered item by item and adopted. The Examining Committee then presented the two brethren to the president, who gave them a hearty welcome.

The Committee on Reception of Congregations presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS.

The Committee on Reception of Congregations, reports that applications for membership in the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest have been received from the following congregations:

1. Holy Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Minneapolis, Minn.
2. St. John's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Stacy, Minn.
3. The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Winnipeg, Manitoba.
4. The English Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, of Superior, Wisconsin.
5. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement, of Beloit, Wisconsin.
6. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The constitution for congregations as recommended by our synod has by these congregations been adopted, and therefore we recommend their reception.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. CLEMENS,
A. C. PETERSEN,
F. E. MOODY.

On motion, the report was considered item by item and adopted as a whole.

By vote of synod, Rev. S. W. Dickinson, D. D, then addressed synod on the work of the American Bible Society.

The Central Conference reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

The Central Conference respectfully submit the following report of its work during the past synodical year:

Two conventions have been held—one at St. Johns, Duluth, Rev. D. W. Michael, pastor, September 5-7; and the other at Cannon Falls, Rev. R. A. Helms, pastor, May 8-10.

At the Duluth convention, Rev. Keehley preached the opening sermon, which was followed by the Holy Communion.

The officers elected were:

President—Rev. A. J. Reichert.
Secretary—Rev. Frank S. Beistel.
Treasurer—Rev. J. A. Zundel.

Three congregations, Ellsworth, Wis.; St. Johns, Minneapolis; and Trinity, Duluth; were reported vacant.

The frequency of participating in the Lord's Supper was much discussed and the following resolution adopted:

WHEREAS, many of the members of our congregations do not seem to appreciate the importance of the Sacrament of the Altar and come only occasionally to receive it, which must of necessity be detrimental to their spiritual life; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that every communicant member of the church not only needs the sacrament for the soul's strength but that he needs to come to it frequently and therefore should make it a matter of conscience to commune whenever the opportunity is offered in his church, having previously attended the service of Confession and Absolution, and that we urge upon all our pastors to most seriously lay this matter upon the hearts of their people, to urge upon them to make use of this means of grace whenever it is celebrated in the congregation.

The following subjects were discussed:

Augsburg Confession, Art. I. "God."
Augsburg Confession, Art. II. "Original Sin."
God's Call to Holiness.
Sanctification.
Three Preachers of the Past who have held the people.
Preaching that will hold the people today.
Legitimate Homiletic Helps.
Preaching on purely Ethical and Civic Questions.
Exegesis of Gal. 5: 16-24; and Matt. 6: 24-34.

The Cannon Falls convention was held in the new church which had been dedicated the day previous.

Three congregations were reported without pastors—St. Johns, Minneapolis; Trinity, Lindstrom; and Our Saviour, Ellsworth. The churches consecrated were Salem, Minneapolis; St. James, St. Paul; and Cannon Falls.

A resolution from Duluth was read as follows:

Resolved, That we, the council of St. Johns English Lutheran Church of Duluth, request the Central Conference to appoint a commission, or take such other suitable action as they deem proper, to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Lutheran institution of learning in Duluth. The communication was received, considered, and a committee appointed, consisting of Hon. C. A. Smith, N. O. Werner, Fred Bayha, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., and Rev. J. L. Murphy, to investigate the matter, and report to the conference at the meeting of synod. Conference herewith submits the report of the committee for the consideration of synod. (See minutes, Fifth Session.)

At the suggestion of the president conference recommended that congregations organize at their earliest convenience Home and Foreign Missionary Societies in order that the missionary work of our conference and the church at large might be prospered and that these missionary societies be urged to form themselves into a general organiza-

tion for united work in the interest of our missions, home and foreign.

Conference will hold its fall meeting in St. Marks Church, Minneapolis. Papers and addresses were presented on the following subjects:

Augsburg Confession, Art. III.
Right Education of Ministers for Present-Day Needs.
Deacons.
Lay Readers.
Relation of the Luther League to the Church.
Study of I Peter 2: 11-20.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. REICHERT, Pres.
FRANK S. BEISTEL, Sec'y.

The item concerning the establishment of an institution of learning at Duluth was considered until time for adjournment.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. C. Anda.

Fourth Session.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1905, 2:00 P. M.

Rev. Willis Beck conducted the devotional service. Roll was called and minutes read and approved.

The Committee on the President's Report made a partial report recommending that the item pertaining to St. John's English Lutheran Church, of Minneapolis, be submitted to a special committee. The recommendation was adopted and the president appointed the special committee: Rev. A. J. Reichert, Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Rev. G. F. Gehr, Mr. H. W. Knauff and Mr. W. T. Eckles.

The committee report from the Central Conference

concerning the establishment of an institution of learning at Duluth, was referred back to the committee to report later.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The following were elected delegates to the next meeting of the General Council in Milwaukee, October, 1905:

Clerical Delegates.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, ex officio.	Hon. C. A. Smith.
Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.	Mr. James Harms.
Alternates.	
Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D.	Mr. H. P. Swenson.
Rev. Prof. Alfred Ramsey.	Mr. H. W. Knauff.

REPORT OF ARCHIVARIUS.

Material for the Archives has been received from the secretary of synod, the conferences, etc.

W. K. FRICK,
Archivarius.

The Report of the Committee on Plans to Aid Disabled and Superannuated Pastors was considered.

On motion, it was ordered that the plan submitted be printed in the minutes of this year. (See Appendix.)

The Report of Committee on President's Report was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee hereby makes the following recommendations:

1. That the item in the president's report pertaining to St. John's English Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, be submitted to a special committee of five for consideration and recommendation, with power to send for persons and papers.

2. That synod provide suitable stationery for the use of the officers of synod.

3. That the traveling expenses of the members of the Executive Committee, when attending meetings of the committee, be paid out of the Synodical Expense Fund.

4. Your committee does not deem it advisable to apportion the amount of $200.00 for the debt at Stacy, Minn., among the congregations of synod, but recommends that collections for Synodical Church Extension Fund for this purpose be taken by the several congregations.

H. K. GEBHART,
A. J. REICHERT,
J. G. EARHUFF.
Committee.

The Auditing Committee reported.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee begs leave to report that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Synod for the synodical year 1904-5, and find them correct in every particular.

The books show a balance in the treasury on June 8th, 1904, of $285.05.

Total receipts for the synodical year, -	$3164.29
Expenditures, - - - - -	3337.62
Leaving a net balance on hand June 27, 1905, of	$111.72

Your committee would call attention to the fact that the treasurer has in his possession securities to the amount of $100.00, the same being a first mortgage note.

This is the beginning of a Synodical Church Extension Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
P. E. BAISLER,
C. F. WIBERG,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

The president announced having received a communication from the National Federation of Churches.

Moved, That the communication be referred to a committee to be appointed by the president. Carried. The president appointed the following: Rev. J. L. Murphy and Rev. J. J. Clemens.

Resolved, That we as a synod heartily commend the work of the American Bible Society and suggest to all our churches that, as far as practicable, they take an offering for this work.

Resolved, That a fraternal delegate be elected to visit the next meeting of the Chicago Synod.

Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., was elected fraternal delegate to the next meeting of the Chicago Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES.

The Committee on Standing Rules presents the following report. (See Appendix.)

Closed with prayer by Rev. Prof. Ramsey.

Fifth Session.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1905, 9:00 A. M.

Opened by matins led by Rev. R. A. Helms. Roll was called and minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Communication from the National Federation of Churches reported:

"We, your committee on the communication from "The National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers," believing that, the questions of divorce, child labor, Sunday desecration, etc., being not only denominational but national in character, would recommend that the secretary of

this synod be authorized to express to "The National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers," our interest and sympathy in this general work.

Resolved, That Field Missionary Jensen be requested to make such provision as may be possible for the supply of Trinity mission, Duluth.

Moved, That the Ellsworth parish be not numbered in the printed minutes of this year. Adopted.

The Plan for a Fund for Support of Superannuated Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers was again considered. It was then moved, That the Plan be referred to the conferences and congregations for further consideration and that action by synod thereon be had at the next annual convention. Adopted.

The report of Committee to Investigate the Proposition of a School of Higher Education at Duluth, was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PROPOSITION OF A PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT DULUTH.

The members of your committee visited the property of the proposed institution of learning situated near Hunter's Park, in the city of Duluth, on the 19th of June. The property comprises five acres, beautifully located, having a wide and varied outlook, in the best suburban residence portion of the city. The location is ideal for a college, as it is free from saloons and other elements of vice, and is about one-half mile from the shore of Lake Superior which it overlooks, and is easy of access by trolly.

We found the building to be a solid structure of granite and wood, about one-third above the foundation being granite and the rest of wood. It is well built, the foundation being especially good. It is well lighted and ventilated and so arranged that it is adapted for an institution of higher learning. It is furnished with an abundance of water, supplied by two wells with steam pump and large tanks from

which the whole building is supplied. Since its erection the city water main has been laid along the street in front and needs only to be connected, so doing away with the need of wells and pump. The building is thoroughly modern with steam heat plant, and dynamo to furnish electric light. It is furnished with kitchen, laundry, spacious dining room, and rooms for about 40 resident students, besides a family and accommodations for servants, and janitor's quarters. The sleeping apartments will accommodate in all about 60 persons.

While it is well built the building is at present considerably out of repair, having been vacant for three years, and needs a thorough overhauling within. It can be put into first-class condition for about $5,000. The property is valued at $75,000.00, which seems to your committee somewhat extravagant, but $50,000.00 is a conservative estimate of its present value.

The present owners of the property, together with the leading citizens of Duluth, are very desirous that a school for higher education be opened there, as they realize that there is a need for such an institution in that part of the State, especially since all the educational institutions of the State, excepting high schools and a normal school are very remote from Duluth, the nearest being the twin cities on the south, and Moorhead on the west, and it being the centre of population of about 200,000, and is a section rapidly filling up with all classes of people.

After examining into the matter, your committee was left under the impression that if the Synod of the Northwest would agree to maintain a school for higher education there, the citizens of Duluth would secure the property in question and would put it into repair and good condition to open such a school, free from all encumbrance, and put it into the hands of a Board of Directors, as the Synod may direct, provided, however, that in case such school be not maintained, or if it be removed to some other section, the property shall revert to the donors.

In view of the foregoing we would respectfully suggest the following:

We recommend, first: That this Synod elect a committee of five to secure and hold the property at Duluth under

consideration for educational purposes in such a manner as will not involve the Synod financially.

Second: That this committee be empowered to plan and devise such means as will enable them to open this institution for educational purposes one year hence, subject to the approval of the Synod at its next meeting.

GEORGE H. TRABERT,
J. L. MURPHY,
C. A. SMITH.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Gebhart.

Sixth Session.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1905, 2:00 P. M.

The opening devotional service was led by Rev. C. L. Warstler.

Roll called and minutes read and approved.

The special committee to consider the affairs of St. Johns Church of Minneapolis, mentioned in the president's report, presented its report as follows:

Your committee appointed to consider the protest of certain members of St. John's Church, Minneapolis, against the legality of the election of the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., as pastor, begs leave to report:

1. That we find that the constitution of the congregation was not violated, because:

a. It does not require the announcement of the name of the candidate in the notice for the election.

b. It does not state how much time shall elapse between the second announcement and the meeting.

c. It does not forbid a congregational meeting at a public service, although custom and good taste make this an impropriety.

2. That we have no evidence to show that the protestants appealed from the decision of the chair to the congregation in meeting assembled, either as to the legality of the meeting or the right of any one present to vote; and that, on the other hand, they took part in the meeting to the extent of voting, thereby waiving their right to protest against the election.

3. That there is nothing in the constitution of St. John's Church, or the usage of the Lutheran churches in Minnesota, or the state law of Minnesota, forbidding a meeting of a church corporation or forbidding a church election on Sunday.

4. That, inasmuch as "the chief object in asking the synod to decide either or all of the points in controversy is to prevent the establishment of a precedent that might work mischief in churches that are governed by the same or similar constitution," and inasmuch as the synod hereby attests the legality of such meetings, but advises against propriety of holding congregational meetings before the close of a service, we trust that the protestants will accept this decision in good faith and heartily co-operate in the welfare of the congregation.

A. J. Reichert,
G. F. Gehr,
W. K. Frick,
H. W. Knauff,
W. T. Eckles.

Adopted.

The Ministerium reported recommending the reception into synod of Rev. George Keller Rubrecht, and Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D. Also, that Rev. W. H. Gable, who has forwarded a letter of transfer from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, be received *in absentia*. The report was considered item by item and adopted as a whole.

The brethren, Rev. Rubrecht and Rev. Dr. Elmquist, were presented to the president by the Examining Committee and were welcomed heartily.

Moved, That in the future it shall be the duty of the president of synod to inform ministerial applicants for admission to synod that it is not the custom of this synod to receive the same *in absentia*. Adopted.

Synod then proceeded to elect members of the committee provided for in the report concerning the establishment of an institution of higher education at Duluth. The following were elected: Rev. J. L. Murphy, Mr. Fred Bayha, Hon. C. A. Smith, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Judge N. O. Werner.

Resolved, That the committee be empowered to fill any vacancies which may occur in the committee during the year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

Your Committee on Protocol would report that we find the minutes of last synod in good and correct shape.

J. L. MURPHY,
O. H. ADLER.

Moved by Rev. Haupt, That the consideration of revision of constitution be deferred until next year. Carried.

REPORT OF EXCUSE COMMITTEE.

The following members of this convention have been excused from attendance upon single sessions: Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Rev. G. F. Gehr, Rev. P. E. Baisler, Mr. O. H. Adler, Mr. C. F. Wiberg.

The following have been excused from further attendance upon the convention: Mr. Matthew Jensen after Wednesday evening; Rev. J. S. Herold, Hon. C. A. Smith, Mr. E. H. Phelps, Mr. E. Thompson, Mr. T. Evjen, Mr. J. Stoffel, Jr., after Thursday afternoon; Mr. Erlandson after Friday forenoon; Mr. Geo. Schaller has been excused for absence on Wednesday and Thursday. Your committee respectfully requests that these excuses be approved. The

following is noted as absent without an excuse: Rev. S. W. Kuhns. ALFRED RAMSEY.

Adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that 1400 copies of the minutes be printed.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

An invitation to hold the next meeting in Salem Church, Minneapolis, was received. The invitation was accepted unanimously.

TIME OF MEETING.

Moved, That Synod meet on the second Tuesday evening after Trinity Sunday, and the Ministerium at 3 P. M. of that day, and the Executive Committee at 10 A. M. of that day, and that the revision of the constitution be the special order for the opening of the Wednesday afternoon session.

Adopted.

The president, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, then made a report of the incorporation of synod and read the articles of incorporation.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed at this meeting of synod to prepare amendments to the articles of incorporation, to be presented at the next meeting of synod.

Synod elected the following committee: Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Rev. F. S. Beistel and Judge Andrew Holt.

The Statistical and Parochial Report Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Number of Pastors	26
" Congregations	27
" Churches and Chapels	20
" Parsonages	4
Valuation of Church Property	$177,200.00
Communicant Members of 1904	3422

Accessions—Adult Baptisms		24	
Confirmation		401	
Letter		99	
Profession of Faith		461	
Restoration		21	
Total			1006
Losses—By Death		21	
By Transfer		119	
Dropped from Roll		245	
Total			385
Net gain during year			621
Present Membership			4043
Number Communed during year			2796
Total Baptized Membership			7608
Number of Infants Baptized during year			442
Contributions—			
Synodical Apportionment			$2,247.30
Synodical Expense Fund	$259.20		
Beneficence—			
Synodical Home Missions		219.09	
Beneficiary Education		635.76	
General Council Home Missions		534.72	
" " Church Extension		469.73	
" " Foreign Missions		437.65	
Total Paid on Apportionment			2,632.51
Other Charitable Objects			439.43
Current Expenses and Church Debt			33,736.19
Grand Total			$36,100.03
Sunday Schools—Teachers and Officers			374
Scholars Enrolled			3606
Average Attendance			2350
Contributions—General Expense			$2,246.69
Benevolence			764.16

SOCIETIES.

	Membership.	Local Objects.	Benevolences
Ladies' Aid	882	$3,632.51	$300.11
Luther League	670	974.90	95.00
Other Societies	242	193.00	35.00
Total	1794	$4,800.41	$430.11

Respectfully submitted, JOHN KEEHLEY,
Adopted. FRANK S. BEISTEL.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee begs leave to report for the past year as follow:

Within the year four meetings were held. Inasmuch as it was impossible for all of the members to attend the meetings there was much additional correspondence concerning its work.

1. FIELD MISSIONARY.—At a meeting held July 6, 1904, one hundred dollars was appropriated from the synodical home mission fund toward the support of the Field Missionary for Minnesota and the Dakotas.

2. MISSIONS.—Pierce County, Wis.—Synod last year authorized the committee to appropriate $200 to this work, but as neither of the congregations concerned desired more than an occasional service, and did not favor calling a pastor, no appropriation was made. Services were held at different times by pastors from the twin cities.

Mankato, Minn.—According to the instructions of synod, the work was carried on, first, by Student Sappenfield; later, by Rev. A. J. Reichert, president of the Central Conference. About December 1, 1904, the work was transferred to the Mission Board of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod, with the understanding that English Mission work be continued by that body, which condition was accepted by said Board.

Grand Marais, Minn.—Student Obenauf, of the Chicago Seminary, labored at this place during the vacation season of 1904, under the direction of the president of synod, and supported by the people of Grand Marais and neighboring points. On September 6, 1904, an appeal was made by Mr. August J. Johnson, of Grand Marais, that a pastor be called by synod to be supported by the people of the place. Accordingly, Rev. B. F. Hankey, of Scottdale, Pa., was called but declined. Arrangements were then made with Rev. C. G. Stacy, of Chicago, to take charge of the work.

Rev. Stacy arrived there about October 1st, and has carried on the work to this time. Rev. Wm. H. Gable has been called to continue the work and will begin soon after this meeting of synod.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak.—An appropriation was made toward the support of Mr. Herman Wennermark to labor in the General Council mission at this place during the summer months, under the General Council Home Mission Board as represented by Field Missionary Jensen. Synod, in connection with the mission at Sioux Falls, also assures Mr. Wennermark a salary of $40. per month during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. D. HAUPT, C. A. SMITH,
W. K. FRICK, JAMES HARMS,
A. J. REICHERT, C. L. WARSTLER.

Adopted.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby extended to the pastor, members and friends of the Church of the Holy Communion for the generous hospitality with which the synod has been received, and that the president, or some one appointed by him, make public acknowledgment of our appreciation at the service on Sunday morning.

Adopted unanimously.

On motion, Rev. F. S. Beistel and Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., were appointed Committee on Transportation for next meeting of synod.

Moved, that on its completion, the report of the Apportionment and Traveling Expense Committee be referred to the Executive Committee for approval and be printed in the minutes.

Carried.

On motion, the Standing Rule on page 44, minutes, 1904, concerning traveling expense, was annulled.

ELECTION OF LAY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr. James Harms from the Eastern Conference and Mr. Wm. Pieper from the Central Conference were elected members of the Executive Committee.

Moved, that the minutes of the Sunday School Convention be printed in the minutes.

The president then appointed the Standing Committees:

Examining Committee—Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Rev. A. J. Reichert.

Archivarius—Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

Statistics and Parochial Reports—Rev. F. S. Beistel, Rev. John A. Zundel.

At 6:15 P. M. the convention of synod was closed by the president, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, with the use of the prescribed form for closing synods.

C. L. WARSTLER, Secretary.

The following report was received and approved after the meeting of synod:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We recommend that the following apportionments be made for the ensuing year:

Synodical Expense Fund—8 cents per member	$324.96
Traveling Expense Fund—9⅛ cents per member	341.42
Chicago Theological Seminary—10 cents per member	406.20
Beneficiary Education—3 cents per member	121.86
General Council Foreign Missions, India—10 cents per member	406.20
" " " " Porto Rico—3 cents per member	121.86
" " Home Missions—10 cents per member	406.20
" " Church Extension—10 cents per member	406.20
Synodical Home Missions—8 cents per member	325.96
Total, 71⅛ cents per member	$2,860,86

We further recommend that the congregations be apportioned as follows:

	Apportionment.	Synodical Expense.	Trav. Expense.	Gen'l Benevolence
St. Johns, Minneapolis	$178.00	$20.00	$23.00	$135.00
Memorial, St. Paul	222.88	25.04	28.82	169.02
Trinity, St. Paul	101.70	11.44	13.04	77 22
St. Pauls, Red Wing	245.73	27.60	31.83	186.30
Salem, Minneapolis	204.38	22.96	26.44	154 98
St. Johns, Duluth	125.24	14.08	16.12	95 04
Trinity, Duluth	19.01	2.16	2.27	14 58
St. Marks, N. St. Paul	90 30	10.16	11.56	68.58
St. James, St. Paul	96 89	10.88	12.57	73 44
St. Lukes, Goodhue	83 85	9.44	10.69	63.72
English Lutheran, Cannon Falls	47.52	5.36	5.98	36.18
Redeemer, Milwaukee	308.98	34.72	39.90	234.36
Holy Communion, Racine	200.26	25.84		174.42
Holy Trinity, LaCrosse	90 30	10.16	11 56	68.58
Grace, Kenosha	107.42	12 08	13.80	81.54
St. Marks, Fargo	106.70	12.00	13.70	81.00
Trinity, Lindstrom	88.16	9 92	11 28	66.96
St. Marks, Minneapolis	95.29	10.72	12.21	72.36
English Lutheran, Platteville	187.98	21.12	24.30	142.56
St. Peters, Janesville	80.34	9.04	10.28	61.02
Trinity, Minneapolis	19.01	2.16	2.27	14.58
St. Johns, Stacy	38.24	4.32	4.76	29.16
First English, Winnipeg	19.71	2.24	2.35	15.12
Trinity, Superior	15.01	1.60	1.61	11.80
Atonement, Beloit	24.70	2.80	3.00	18.90
Epiphany, Milwaukee	36.83	4.16	4.59	28.08
Advent, Cedarburg	26.13	2.96	3.19	19.98
North Shore, Grand Marais	.30		.30	
Total	$2860.86	$324.96	$341.42	$2194.48

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JENSEN,
W. F. PIEPER,
Committee.

ITEMIZED TRAVELING EXPENSE REPORT.

	Expense Clergy	Expense Layman	Total Trav.Exp	Assess-ment	Amt.Due Synod	Amt.Due Cong'n
St. Johns, Minneapolis	$10.40	$20.80	$31.20	$23.00	.....	$8.20
Memorial, St. Paul	10.70	10.50	21.20	28.82	$7.62	.....
Trinity, St. Paul	10.30	10.30	20.60	13.04	.....	7.56
St. Pauls, Red Wing	9.86	17.52	27.38	31.83	4.45	.....
Salem, Minneapolis	10.40	10.40	20.80	26.44	5.64	.....
St. Johns, Duluth	12.00	12.00	24.00	16.12	.....	7.88
Trinity, Duluth	.....	.....	.....	2.27	2.27	.....
St. Marks, N. St. Paul	10.80	10.30	21.10	11.56	.....	9.54
St. James, St. Paul	10.30	10.30	20.60	12.57	.....	8.03
St. Lukes, Goodhue	.....	.....	.....	10.69	10.69	.....
Eng. Lutheran, Cannon Falls	12.16	.....	12.16	5.98	.....	6.18
Redeemer, Milwaukee	.60	.60	1.20	39.90	38.70	.....
Holy Communion, Racine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	6.70	13.10	19.80	11.56	.....	8.24
Grace, Kenosha	1.00	1.00	2.00	13.80	11.80	.....
St. Marks, Fargo	17.68	.....	17.68	13.70	.....	3.98
Trinity, Lindstrom	.....	11.74	11.74	11.28	.....	.46
St. Marks, Minneapolis	10.40	.....	10.40	12.21	1.81	.....
Eng. Lutheran, Platteville	4.82	9.64	14.46	24.30	9.84	.....
St. Peters, Janesville	2.08	4.16	6.24	10.28	4.04	.....
Trinity, Minneapolis	.....	.....	.....	2.27	2.27	.....
St. Johns, Stacy	.....	.....	.....	4.76	4.76	.....
First English, Winnipeg	23.50	.....	23.50	2.35	.....	21.15
Trinity, Superior	12.00	.....	12.00	1.61	.....	10.39
Atonement, Beloit	.....	4.16	4.16	3.00	.....	1.16
Epiphany, Milwaukee	.60	.60	1.20	4.59	3.39	.....
Advent, Cedarburg	.....	3.00	3.00	3.19	.19	.....
North Shore, Grand Marais	15.00	.....	15.00	.30	.....	14.70
Totals	$191.30	$150.12	$341.42	$341.42	$107.47	$107.47

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JENSEN,
WM. F. PIEPER.

REPORT OF SYNOD HISTORY COMMITTEE.

At the last meeting of synod, the whole matter of the preservation and future sale of the synod histories was turned over to the chairman of the former committee and the outstanding bills ordered to be paid by the treasurer of synod. In order to print the histories it became necessary to make a note of $150. This note has been paid in full, $89.33 by synod and $60 67 out of the proceeds of the histories. The $105.00 reported due last year has all been paid.

We then had on hand 416 unbound copies and a few bound copies, 26 of which have been sold during the year, for $25.00. The price of the

histories was placed entirely too low at the beginning and has been advanced to $1.00 for the buckram and 50 cents for the paper. There are 390 unbound and some 12 bound copies still on hand. An earnest effort is being made through the circulation of slips furnished the pastors, to dispose of these copies on hand, or at least enough of them to materially aid the home mission work in our synod, which is so sorely in need. We hope every pastor in the synod will lend his aid in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. J. D. HAUPT.

Special Services.

WEDNESDAY EVENING: Vespers, conducted by Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D. "What the Lutheran Church is Doing for Foreign Missions." Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D. "What the General Council is doing in India." Rev. George Drach, General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

THURSDAY EVENING: Vespers, conducted by Rev. John A. Zundel. "The Lord's Work by the Lord's People in the Lord's Way." Rev. John Keehley. "Inner Missions." Rev. Frank S. Beistel.

FRIDAY EVENING: Vespers, conducted by Rev. J. L. Murphy. "The School of the Prophets." Rev. G. F. Gehr, General Secretary of Chicago Seminary.

SUNDAY MORNING: Liturgical Services by Rev. H. K. Gebhart. Sermon by Rev. A. J. Reichert. Theme: "The Parable of the Great Supper." Luke 14: 16-24.

SUNDAY EVENING: Vespers, conducted by Rev. J. J. Clemens. "Our Home Field." Rev. Frank E. Jensen, Field Missionary.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Primarii—Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, *ex-officio;* Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Hon. C. A. Smith, Mr. James Harms.

Secundi—Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Rev. Alfred Ramsey, Mr. H. P. Swenson, Mr. H. W. Knauff.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Rev. A. J. Reichert.

ARCHIVARIUS.

Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. F. S. Beistel, Rev. J. A. Zundel.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. S. Beistel, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Rev. Alfred Ramsey, Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Rev. C. L. Warstler.

ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Rev. F. S. Beistel, Judge Andrew Holt.

ON INSTITUTION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AT DULUTH.

Rev. J. L. Murphy, Mr. Fred Bayha, Hon. C. A. Smith, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Judge N. O. Werner.

CORRECTION OF MINUTES OF 1904.

Page 4—Roll of Synod, John Goggins, lay delegate from St. Johns, Duluth.

Page 4—Rev. J. A. Zundel ordained 1898.

Page 9—President's Report, Rev. A. C. Anda not present.

Page 21—Treasurer's Report, fifth item in receipts should be credited to Memorial.

Page 40—Add name of N. O. Werner to Report of Committee on President's Report.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS FROM WHITSUNDAY, MAY 22, 1904, TO WHITSUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1905.

Index No.	Church and Location	Name and Address of Pastor	Organized	Com-mu'nt Mem.	Baptized Mem.	No. Commund	Child Baptized	Accessions: Adult Bap.	Accessions: Confirm	Accessions: By Let.	Accessions: Con-faith	Accessions: Re-s o'd	Losses: By D'th	Losses: By Tran	Losses: Dropped
	MINNESOTA														
1	St. Johns, Minneapolis, 17th St. and Chicago Ave.	Rev. A. F. Eimquist, Ph. D., 1517 Portland Ave., Minneapolis.	1883	250	375	132	2		18				1	30	73
2	Memorial, St. Paul, West Sixth St. near Exchange St.	Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, 175 Iglehart St., St. Paul.	1883	313	540	259	28		24	5	14	5	2	3	12
3	Trinity, St. Paul, Corner Robie and Ada Sts.	Rev. C. L. Warstler, 572 State St., St. Paul.	1886	143	364	130	24	3	16	2	12		1	3	15
4	St. Pauls, Red Wing, West Ave. near 4th St.	Rev. A. J. Reichert, 610 Fourth St., Red Wing.	1886	345	543	260	24		29	6	12		5	27	10
5	Salem, Minneapolis, 28th St. and Garfield Ave	Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., 610 W. 28th St., Minneapolis.	1890	287	549	237	30	4	30	15	21	9	3	2	6
6	St. Johns, Duluth, 3rd St. and Lake Ave.	Rev. J. L. Murphy, 312 Lake Ave. N. Duluth.	1890	176	389	114	15	3	19	8	19	3			36
7	St. Marks, North St. Paul,	Rev. A. C. Peterson, N. St. Paul.	1890	127	259	69	10		7		32			2	6
8	St. James, St. Paul, Marshall Ave. and Grotto St.	Rev. F. S. Beistel, 747 Portland Ave., St. Paul.	1895	136	325	120	12		12	5	5				
9	St. Lukes, Goodhue.	Rev. Robert A. Helms, Cannon Falls.	1897	118	148	45	15		8		2				
10	Eng. Ev. Lutheran, Cannon Falls.		1900	67	97	40	10		3						
11	Trinity, Lindstrom.	Vacant.	1901	124	308	101	11		9	5			1	4	2
12	St. Johns, Stacy.		1905	54	154	45	16	4	14	2	34				
13	St. Marks, Minneapolis, 23rd Ave. N. and Lyndale Ave.	Rev. John Keehley, 613 23rd Ave. N., Minneapolis.	1902	134	264	114	23	2	20	9	34		2		9
14	Trinity, Duluth.	Vacant.	1902	No	re-	port									
15	Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, 26th and Franklin Aves.	Vacant.	1905	27	37	12	3		5	1	21				
	WISCONSIN														
16	Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, 16th St. between Grand Ave. and Wells St.	Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., 2305 Cedar St., Milwaukee.	1890	434	644	350	16	3	39	6	39		4	32	16
17	Church of Holy Communion, Racine, 10th St. and Washington Ave	Rev. Wm. Eckert, 956 Washington Ave., Racine.	1898	323	683	263	27		33		10			2	
18	Church of Holy Trinity, LaCrosse, West Ave. and Ferry St.	Rev. J. J. Clemens, 1334 Ferry St., LaCrosse.	1898	127	400	116	12		32	1	8	3		1	19
19	Grace Church, Kenosha, Prairie and Lyman Aves.	Rev. P. E. Baisler, 861 Prairie Ave., Kenosha.	1901	151	431	116	18	1	24	2	18		1	7	21
20	First Eng. Lutheran, Platteville.	Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Platteville.	1902	264	392	213	23	2	13	10			1	1	
21	St. Peters, Janesville, Jackson and Center Sts.	Rev. W. P. Christy, Cor. Jackson and Center Sts.	1903	113	208	105	8		8	1	48				6
22	Church of the Advent, Cedarburg.	Student C. A. Dennig, Cedarburg.	1904	37	57	36	2		9		6				
23	Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, 914 N. 3rd St.	Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, 876 First St., Milwaukee.	1905	52	123	40	1	1	10	21	24				4
24	Holy Trinity, Superior.	Rev. Willis Beck, 1905 Tower Ave., Superior	1905	20	60						20				
25	Church of the Atonement, Beloit.	Rev. A. C. Anda, Acting pastor, 414 Potomac Ave., Chicago.	1905	35	35						35				
	Church of Our Saviour, Ellsworth.	Vacant.	1900	No	re-	port									
	NORTH DAKOTA														
26	St. Marks, Fargo, 4th Ave. and 8th St. N.	Rev. J. A. Zundel, 319 8th St. N., Fargo.	1891	150	325	139	16	1	18		19	1		5	9
	MANITOBA, CANADA														
27	First Eng. Ev. Lutheran, Winnipeg, Agnes and Ellice Sts.	Rev. F. E. Jensen, Acting Pastor.	1905	28	68		1					28			

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—Concluded.

Index No.	Apportionment	CONTRIBUTIONS.—Including those of Sunday Schools and Church Societies.											SUNDAY SCHOOLS				
		Synod. Expense	Synod. Home Missions	Benefic. Ed'cation & Chic. Sem.	G. C. Home Missions	C. C. Church Exten.	G. C. Foreign Missions India	G. C. Foreign Missions P. Rico	Total Paid on Apportionment	Other Benevolences	Current Expenses and Church Debt	GRAND TOTAL	TEACHERS & OFFICERS	SCHOLARS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENCES.
1	$207.68	$43.68	$6.20	$20.00	$18.84	$26.26	$5.00		$119.98	$9.83	$2275.00	$2404.81	22	200	114	$142.06	$34.37
2	188.94	33.71	30.00	70.00	70.00	98.24	40.00	$20.45	362.40	25,00	3186.56	3573.96	24	182	120	148.20	
3	86.43	16.77	11.89	15.08	31.70	21.78	20.00	7.50	124.72	19.00	895.89	1039.61	18	233	136	98.28	77.38
4	231.82	47.55	10.47	86.75	18.99	39.53	19.76		223.05	60.08	1360.00	1643.13	19	206	130	93.60	40.00
5	146.73	25.52	32.02	11.09	155.76	67.15	62.63	10.00	364.17	63.52	4017.79	4445.48	25	282	185	122.38	127.59
6	107.20	20.80	12.80	20.80	16.00	16,00	16.00	4.80	107.20	6.45	1313.95	1427.60	20	206	120	152.94	
7	64.32	14.55	7.68	12.48	9.60	9.60	9.60	2.88	66.39		538.16	604.55	12	102	78	47.07	28.15
8	76.38	14.82	6.67	65.85	11.60	36.55	11.60	3.48	150.57	16.88	1892.83	2050.28	20		120	69.15	61.32
9	72.36	14.04							14.04	5.00	275.00	294.04	7	45	28	25.00	
10	42.88	8.32							8.32		1640.00	1648.32	8	62	50	50.00	
11	72.54	9.36	21.05	59.46	10.70		26.04	7.56	134.17		1175.00	1309.17	8	124	68	29.09	2.00
12											822.29	822.29	8	102	50	34.38	
13	53.60	10.40	7.90		8.00	8.00	7.30	2.40	44.00	25.00	1517.80	1586.80	18	150	117	150.21	35.00
14	No	report															
15			5.00						5.00		50.00	55.00	5	20	15		
St. Stephen's Sunday School, Greenbrier and Jenks Sts., St. Paul, Minn., Rev. F. S. Beistel, Superintendent.													5	58	27	61.18	
16	267.33	40.92		78.22	37.42	5.00	26.00	14.12	201.68	28.93	3991.27	4221.88	19	205	114	108.11	164.00
17	188.94	22.56	15.00	78.00	85.00	35.00	23.00	12.00	270.56	7.75	2164.81	2443.12	37	420	312	378.33	97.35
18	63.86	8.24	5.00	43.00	5.00	5.00	9.50		75.74	12.50	1818.22	1906.46	19	196	120	150.00	25.00
19	90.45	17.55	11.10	12.00	12.38	28.00	10.00	6.35	97.38	12.00	1575.00	1684.38	22	235	145	148.75	45.00
20	161.44	1.10	9.00	13.43	8.28	24.29	8.68		64.78	4.70	968.99	1038.47	12	126	79	114.50	
21	41.54	8.06	12.00		13.04	20.00			53.10	16.15	625.94	694.25	9	85	45	40.00	5.00
22	20.10	3.90	8.20		8.00				20.10	10.00	420.00	450.10	6	45	30	30.00	10.00
23				18.00	13.41	16.06	4.00	2.00	51.47		307.94	359.41	8	70	44	51.99	
24													3	40	20		
25											83.50						
26	83.73	16.25	7.21	12.00	10.00	13.27	45.00		83.73	108.64	1336.11	1528.48	12	175	110	125.97	12.00
27													5	45			

Meetings of the Ministerium.

FIRST MEETING.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 4:15 P. M.

The ministerium was called to order by Chairman Haupt, and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Frick. The following report was received from the Examining Committee:

Your committee has had before it the following persons who have regular letters of transfer from their respective synods to this body and apply for union with it.

From General Council Synods: Rev. Wm. Eckert, who has accepted a call to the congregation in which this synod is assembled, is transferred from the Chicago Synod. After a colloquium with the brother your committee recommends his reception.

From the General Synod: 1. The Rev. J. L. Murphy, who has accepted a call to St. Johns Church in Duluth, has a letter of transfer from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa. He was before your committee, who finds him heartily in sympathy with the doctrinal position of this body, and is therefore recommended for reception.

2. Rev. C. G. Stacy comes with a letter of transfer from the Northern Illinois Synod. Your committee has had a colloquium with him and finds him doctrinally sound and in sympathy with this body. He has at present no regular call and the committee has no recommendation to make, leaving it to the ministerium to pass on the matter of his reception.

GEORGE H. TRABERT,
ALFRED RAMSEY.
W. K. FRICK,

The report was adopted and the persons named in the report recommended to synod for reception.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Christy.

SECOND MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE, 28, 10:00 P. M.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Ramsey. The Examining Committee reported as follows:

The Examining Committee begs leave to report that it held a colloquium with Rev. Willis Beck, who has accepted a call to the newly organized mission at Superior, Wis., who presents a letter of regular transfer from the Pittsburg Synod. Your committee is satisfied with his doctrinal soundness and willingness to conform to the requirements of the constitution of our synod. He is cordially recommended for reception into this synod.

We also held a colloquium with Rev. J. S. Herold, who has accepted a call to Winnipeg, Man. He has a regular transfer from the District Synod of Ohio. We heartily recommend him for reception into the synod.

GEORGE H. TRABERT,
W. K. FRICK,
ALFRED RAMSEY.

The report was received and recommendations were adopted for presentation to synod.

THIRD MEETING.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1:45 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Gehr. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved. The Examining Committee reported:

The Examining Committee begs leave to report the following: Your committee has had a colloquium with George Keller Rubrecht, who comes with a regular letter of dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and is heartily recommended for reception into synod.

It also had before it the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., who is regularly dismissed from the Augustana Synod. We

find him in hearty sympathy with this synod, and he assures us that he will work hand in hand with us for the extension of our English work. He is cordially recommended for reception into our synod.

The matter of receiving the Rev. Wm. Gable *in absentia,* who forwarded a letter of regular transfer from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, was carefully considered by your committee. He is recommended for reception into synod *in absentia.*

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. TRABERT,
W. K. FRICK,
ALFRED RAMSEY.

Sunday School Convention.

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest was held in the Church of Holy Communion, Racine, Wisconsin, Saturday, July 1st, 1905.

The Opening Service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Zundel, of Fargo, N. Dakota.

Student C. A. Dennig, of Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was appointed Chairman and (Miss) Amelia G. Pabst, of Grace Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin, Secretary.

The roll of synod was called, credentials presented, and the following responded:

Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, Wis.—Mr. Herman F. Boener and Mr. Herbert S. Boener.

St. Peters, Janesville, Wis.—Mr. Geo. Scholler and Mrs. Geo. Scholler.

Grace English Evangelical Lutheran, Kenosha, Wis.—Mrs. P. E. Baisler, Miss Amelia G. Pabst.

Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.—Mrs. F. E. Jensen.

Church of Holy Trinity, LaCrosse, Wis.—Rev. J. J. Clemens and Mr. Henry Shaldach.

Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.—Miss Meta Schwartz, Miss Anna Kristensen, Mr. Grover Rapps and Mrs. H. Barger.

Church of Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.—Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, Miss Mae Gall and Miss Phelps.

Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.—Mr. W. T. Eckles.

Church of Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.—Miss Emily Sinnen and Miss Edith Hansen.

On motion, it was resolved that the members of synod should be considered members of the convention, and Dr. and Mrs. Gerberding, of the Chicago Synod, be recorded as visiting delegates to the convention.

Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert was elected to take charge of the question box.

Moved by Rev. Trabert that part seven (7) of the program (Report Committee on Organization and Election of Officers) be struck out, no report being ready.

Moved by Rev. J. A. Zundel that when this convention adjourn, it adjourn *sine die*, and that the conference be requested to organize Sunday School Associations.

Papers, "The Sunday School to-day as an Important Factor in the Preservation of our National Life and Liberty," by Rev. Jos. L. Murphy, of St. Johns, Duluth, Minn., and "The Work of the Sunday Schools in the Highways and Hedges," by Rev. J. A. Zundel, of St. Marks, Fargo, N. D. were read, followed by lively discussions.

Owing to shortage of time, it was decided to carry the third paper over to the afternoon session.

Convention adjourned at 11 :45 with prayer by Rev. J. J. Clemens.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at two o'clock. Opening services were conducted by Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, of Church of Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.

The third paper of the morning, "The Teacher," by Rev. A. C. Petersen, of St. Marks, N. St. Paul, Minn., was read.

Chairman C. A. Dennig being called away, Rev. G. K. Rubrecht took the chair at three o'clock for the remainder of the session.

Papers, "Parents and their Relation to the Sunday School," by Rev. C. L. Warstler, of Trinity, St. Paul, Minn., and "The Practical Application of the Graded System," by Rev. W. K. Frick, of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., were read, followed with the usual discussions.

Hymn 22 was sung.

The question box in charge of Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D. proved profitable and interesting to all.

Moved, That Rev. Petersen be asked to condense his excellent paper, "The Teacher" and send it to THE LUTHERAN for publication.

Convention adjourned by singing of Hymn 37.

AMELIA G. PABST,
Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Your committee on Standing Rules, after carefully examining all the minutes since the formation of synod, and collating only such rules as have been approved by the latest action of synod on any subject, respectfully present the following

STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

FINANCIAL.

1. Only such moneys as pass through the hands of the synodical treasurer will be CREDITED ON APPORTIONMENTS. (Duluth, '92, p. 20.)

2. Each congregation shall keep a record of all funds sent to the treasurer of synod, who shall give a receipt therefor. (Milwaukee, '93, p. 17.)

3. All moneys for education, church extension and home and foreign missions shall be sent to the various boards *through the treasurer of synod.* (LaCrosse, '03, p. 39.)

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS CLOSE.

4. The treasurer shall close his accounts with the congregations on Wednesday after Trinity Sunday of each year. (Milwaukee, '99, p. 21.)

OFFERINGS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

5. The apportionments for synodical expenses are DUE and should be PAID into the treasury of synod by OCTOBER 1st of each year. (St. Paul, '01, p. 28.)

6. Synod sets apart and appoints Whitsunday as a day on which our churches and Sunday schools

may have annual offerings gathered for the SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS. Envelopes for this purpose shall be supplied by the executive committee, and the cost thereof defrayed from the general expense fund. (St. Paul, '01, p. 25.)

7. There shall be an annual offering in each congregation for the CHICAGO LUTHERAN SEMINARY. (St. Paul, '01, p. 33.)

8. All SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS to the synodical home mission work shall be placed in the synodical home mission fund. (St. Paul, '01, p. 35.)

9. All appropriations to a mission shall be charged to that mission, and not to the missionary, and so appear in the treasurer's report. (LaCrosse, '03, p. 34.)

10. All APPORTIONMENTS shall be distributed under the heads:

(I.) FOR GENERAL BENEVOLENCE.

(II.) FOR GENERAL EXPENSE.

(*a*.) The General Benevolence fund shall include General Council home missions, foreign missions and church extension; synodical home missions and education.

The General Expense fund shall include (1) Printing of synodical minutes, stationery and postage of the officers, transcription of protocol and like necessary expenses. (2) Traveling expenses of pastors and lay delegates to synod. (3) Traveling expenses of the president. (4) Amount apportioned by the General Council for its expenses.

(*b*.) The General Expense fund should be apportioned among the congregations from year to year, on the basis of communicant membership.

(*c*.) The Apportionment Committee shall annually recommend what percentage of the total amount accruing to the treasury of synod from the General

Expense apportionment shall be reserved for and applied to the repayment of the expense incurred by the several congregations by reason of the attendance of pastors and lay delegates upon the annual convention of synod. In case of failure to pay in full the General Expense apportionment, the congregation so failing shall not be entitled to nor shall it receive such repayment from the treasurer of synod. (Minneapolis, '02, pp. 31-32.)

11. The actual traveling expenses of clerical and lay delegates attending the annual meeting of synod shall be paid by synod; but no such repayment shall be made to any delegate absent from any session of such meeting without being properly excused.

Delegates may waive the right to such payment, and in such case the congregation shall receive credit on the books of synod for the amount such delegates are entitled to. (Duluth, '95, p. 83.)

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

12. It is recommended that the PRESIDENT annually address questions on the state of the congregations to the pastors and church councils. (Duluth, '95, p. 34.)

13. The SECRETARY is to append to the printed minutes of synod for convenient reference a table of unfinished business and of committees charged with reporting at the following meeting. (Minneapolis, '02, p. 33.)

14. The secretary shall be annually appointed as a committee on unfinished business whose duty it shall be to make early report at the annual convention of synod of any matters not finally acted upon at the preceding convention. (St. Paul, '01, p. 35.)

15. Congregations are to be enrolled, first with

regard to states, secondly with regard to date of organization. (Milwaukee, '99, p. 28.)

16. Sunday schools under the care of particular congregations are to be placed under the report of the congregation in the minutes. (LaCrosse, '03, p. 42.)

17. Synod annually appropriates five dollars ($5) to pay for the transcribing of the protocol. (LaCrosse, '03, p. 43.)

18. The letters circulating in the Budget are to be preserved and deposited in the *archives* of synod. (Fargo, '97, p. 20.)

19. The *services of Sunday* shall be always considered part of the proceedings of synod. (Milwaukee, '93, p. 24.)

SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

20. The missionaries of the synod are to be under the pastoral oversight of the president.

21. Missions and congregations are required to adopt constitutions in harmony with the one recommended by synod, to be submitted to synod for approval, and are not to make any changes in such constitutions without bringing the same to the knowledge of synod.

22. All synodical missions are required to furnish quarterly reports to the executive committee and to use the books of worship and the Sunday School literature of the General Council. (Minneapolis, '98, pp. 23-24.)

SYNODICAL CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

23. The executive committee of synod shall constitute a synodical church extension society, and as a synodical home mission board it shall act in con-

junction with the General Council Board when missions are supported in part from the funds of the general board; but when a mission is established by the synodical board and supported by its funds, the synodical board shall have full control. (LaCrosse, 03, pp. 43-44.)

PROCEDURE IN CASE OF PASTORAL VACANCIES.

24. In the case of vacancies in parishes, whether impending or already existing, synod insists that pastors and congregations proceed as follows:

(*a.*) That the retiring pastor inform the president of synod of his resignation as soon as it shall have been accepted.

(*b.*) That the church council also inform the president of synod of the approaching vacancy and of the arrangements made by them to supply the pulpit and to secure a pastor.

(*c.*) That a resignation becomes effective on the date specified and not before, and that no arrangements shall be made to secure supplies prior to such date without the expressed consent of the retiring pastor. (St. Paul, '01, p. 31.)

MEMBERS.

25. Pastors and church councils should annually revise the roll of members at least one month before the meeting of synod. (Duluth, '95, p. 34.)

26. *FORMS FOR LETTERS OF TRANSFER. (See Duluth, '95, pp. 34 to 37.)

27. *RULES FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION. (See La Crosse, '03, pp. 34 to 37.)

28. *CONSTITUTION recommended to congregations. (See Milwaukee, '95, p. 45.)

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* On account of their length, references only are given to these Standing Rules.

It is important that a Standing Rule should be adopted by synod governing the cases of parishes of two or more congregations in the election of a pastor, or of delegates to synod and conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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A PLAN FOR PROVIDING A FUND IN SUPPORT OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS IN THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

1. To provide for the support of ministers who have spent their strength in the Lord's service and are no more able to engage efficiently in pastoral work, and for the indigent widows of those deceased, as well as for children left orphans until they are able to support themselves, is a work in which every pastor and congregation should be specially interested, especially since the salary of pastors is seldom such that they can lay aside anything for support in old age, or for the family in case of decease.

2. As our Synod is as yet young and small, and most of our pastors are yet in their prime, an effort should be made now to gather such a fund so that when it is needed some provision may have been made for the emergency, and that our pastors may know that the Church does not forsake them when their days of active service come to a close.

3. The fund herein provided for shall be called **"The Pension and Annuity Fund of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest,"** and it shall receive moneys from the following sources: Pastors, congregations, private donations and legacies.

4. The pastor shall pay annually a sum amounting to one per cent of his salary into the fund, the payment of which shall be made by the congregation.

5. Each congregation shall pay annually into the fund at the rate of ten (10) cents for every communicant member.

6. The congregation shall add the amount required for the fund to their annual current expenses, and pay the same out of any moneys contributed to the support of the church, to the Board controlling the fund. The contribution to the fund shall be regarded an obligation just as sacred as paying the salary of the pastor.

7. The congregation shall also pay the one per cent of the pastor's salary into the fund, withholding the same from the pastor, and giving him a receipt for the amount.

8. A Board composed of five members shall have control of the fund, and shall fix the amount to be paid in each

case arising, according to the need in the case, and the amount in the treasury, and shall pay the same to the beneficiary, as hereinafter provided for.

9. The Board shall be elected by the Synod, to serve for three years, but the first Board shall be so elected, that the time of one member shall expire in one year, the time of two in two years, and the time of two in three years, and as their time expires their successors shall be elected for three years, any member of the Board being eligible for re-election.

10. In case of a vacancy occurring in the Board during the year, the remaining members of the Board shall have the power to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of the Synod.

11. The Board shall elect its own officers and shall keep a strict account of all moneys received and benefits paid, and shall render a full report to the Synod at its annual convention.

12. All moneys coming into this fund shall be invested for the benefit of said fund, and each member of said Board shall be personally responsible to the Synod for such money received and investments made, and shall give bonds to the Synod in such amounts as may be fixed from time to time, and the cost of the bond shall be borne by the fund.

13. As soon as the fund assumes such proportions as to justify it, the Synod shall have power to designate a fixed amount to be paid annually to superannuated and disabled ministers, as well as to ministers' widows and orphans.

14. A minister's widow shall receive a benefit from the fund so long as she remains a widow if in the judgment of the Board it is deemed necessary. Should she marry again the support shall cease.

15. If a minister's widow dies leaving orphan children, the benefit the children shall receive shall be determined by the Board, but the benefit of each child shall cease at its sixteenth birthday.

16. Any minister of the Synod becoming superannuated or disabled and incapable for pastoral work, shall receive such amount annually (to be paid in quarterly installments) as the Board, according to the circumstances and the amount in the fund may justify, or as the Synod may have designated.

17. Should a minister move out of the Synod he ceases to enjoy the benefits of the fund, as his contributions cease. Should he desire to continue enjoying the benefits of the fund after his removal, he shall continue to pay annually a sum amounting to the average contributions received for the fund from pastors and congregations in the Synod into the treasury of the fund, when he shall enjoy all the privileges of those in the Synod; provided, however, he remain a minister in good standing in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

18. Any minister not a regular pastor of a congregation, but a member of the Synod engaged in the service of the Church shall enjoy the benefits of the fund, providing he pays annually into the treasury one per cent of his salary.

19. Every congregation, when applying for membership into the Synod, shall be notified by the President of the Synod, of the provision made for the aid of pastors and pastors' widows and orphans.

20. In case a congregation refuses to pay its share into the fund annually, it deprives its pastor and family of any benefit in case of disability or death.

21. That the principal of the fund shall remain untouched until the fund has reached the sum of $10,000.

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